



Tribal Transit Program

Federal Transit Administration

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Federal Transit Administration

- One of eleven modal administrations within the U.S. Department of Transportation
- Provide financial assistance through grants to develop new transit systems and improve, maintain, and operate existing systems.
- The FTA consists of 10 program offices, headquartered in Washington, DC, and field offices in 10 regions. In addition, staff in five metropolitan offices provide additional support to meet the needs of the nation's largest transit operators.



FTA – Region 10 Profile

- Location: 915 2nd Ave., Room 3142, Seattle, WA, 98174
- Phone Number: (206) 220-7954
- Areas Served: Alaska, Idaho, Oregon & Washington
- Regional Administrator: Rick Krochalis
- Tribal Transit Liaisons: Linda Gehrke, Annette Clothier & Bill Ramos



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- Established the Public Transportation on Indian Reservation Program (referred to as the Tribal Transit Program)
- Authorizes direct grants “under such terms and conditions as may be established by the secretary” to Indian tribes for any purpose eligible under this section” (Section 5311 non-urbanized formula program)
 - Capital, planning and operating assistance for rural public transit service
 - Acquisition of public transportation services, including service agreements with private providers of public transportation services



Tribal Transit Program

- Funding Levels
 - FY 2006 - \$8 Million (Application Period Close 10-16-06)
 - FY 2007 - \$10 Million
 - FY 2008 - \$12 Million
 - FY 2009 - \$15 Million
- Funds are not meant to replace or reduce funds that Indian Tribes receive from States through the 5311 Program.



Eligibility Information

- **Eligible Applicants/Direct Recipients** - Federally Recognized Indian Tribes or Alaska Native Villages, groups or communities as identified by Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)
- **Eligible Projects** - any purpose under Section 5311 Non-Urbanized (rural) formula program
- **Funding Available**
 - Start-up Services
 - Existing Transit Services
 - Planning Studies (limited to \$25,000)
 - Capital Expense – Acquisition, Construction, etc.
- **No Local Match**



Terms and Conditions

- Common Grant Rule
- Civil Rights Act of 1964
- Section 504 and ADA
- Drug and Alcohol Testing
- Charter Service and School Bus Transportation
- National Transit Database Reporting
- Bus Testing
- DOL 5333(b) Special Warranty Certification



Application General Information

- Applications must be submitted to FTA and received by October 16, 2006.
- 3 ways applications can be submitted:
 - Hard Copy (sent via mail to Lorna Wilson, Washington, DC)
 - www.Grants.gov
 - E-mail to FTA.tribalprogram@dot.gov
 - (Copy sent to Regional Office)



Application Contact Information

- Name of federally-recognized Tribe
- Dun & Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS)
- Contact name, address, & phone/fax number
- Description of public transportation service currently provided by Tribe including areas served.
- Name of person(s) authorized to apply on behalf of Tribe



Application Information

- Legal Capacity
 - provide documentation to show applicant is a federally recognized Tribe
 - who is authorized representative to execute legal agreements on behalf of Tribe



Application Information

- **Technical Capacity**
 - Give examples of the Tribe's management of other Federal projects.
 - Resources Tribe has to implement transit projects
- **Financial Capacity**
 - Financial systems and controls Tribe has in place to adequately receive and manage Federal grants



Application Project Information

- Budget
 - Federal amount requested for each purpose (specify if multi-year)
- Project Description (indicate category)
 - provide summary description of proposed project
 - how will it be implemented?
 - how will it be maintained?
- Project Timeline - milestones



Application Criteria Information

- Project Planning and Coordination
 - describe & demonstrate there is sound basis for project
 - project is ready to implement if funded.
- Demonstration of Need
 - demonstrate Tribal transit needs
 - discuss how proposed transit improvements will address identified transit needs of Tribe



Application Criteria Information

- **Benefits of Project** - identify expected project benefits (i.e. increased ridership and daily trips, improved service)
- **Financial Commitment and Operating Capacity** - Identify any other funding sources used by Tribe to support existing or proposed transit services, including human service transportation, IRR, and/or FTA program funding.



Resources

- FTA Tribal Transit Program *Federal Register* – 71 FR 46959 issued August 15, 2006
http://www.fta.dot.gov/laws/leg_reg_federal_register.html
- BIA Tribal Eligibility *Federal Register* – 70 FR 71194 issued November 25, 2005 (Indian Entities Recognized and Eligible to Receive Services from the US BIA)
- FTA Section 5311 Non-Urbanized Formula Program Guidance
- FTA Program Management Circular 5010
- Becoming a Region 10 New Grantee Packet
- FTA Website <http://www.fta.dot.gov/>
- FTA Master Agreement for Tribal Program